

If amateur radio were just a hobby then I could see lowering the requirements for a license. Amateur radio is not just a hobby however it functions to provide a pool of trained technicians and operators who are instantly available during times of emergency. This need has never been more important than it is today due to the terrorist activity in our country. Morse code is an important tool that the amateur uses to get information through when no other method will work. It needs to be maintained as part of the license requirement to make sure there is a large enough pool of cw operators to guarantee the ability to function in a worse case scenario.

I am against this petition in the interest of national security